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EXHIBIT #VII.B.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas A. Desjardin, Acting Commissioner*

DATE: January 14, 2015

SUBJECT: Receipt of the University of Maine at Machias Program Review Team Report of Findings

<u>BACKGROUND</u>: A state program approval visit to the University of Maine at Machais was conducted November 30 – December 3, 2014 for the purpose of reviewing the following professional educator preparation programs:

Major - Elementary Education (K-8) – Concentration in English/Language Arts, Environmental Literacy (Life Sciences), and Community Engaged Learning (Social Studies).

Major - Secondary Education (7-12) - Concentration in Art, English, Life or Physical Science, Social Studies, or Mathematics

Minor - Secondary Education (7-12) – Major in Art, English, Life or Physical Science, or Social Science.

Alternative Route to Certification Programs:

- Elementary Education Teacher Certification (K-8)
- Secondary Education Teacher Certification (7-12) in Art, English, History, Life or Physical Science, Social Studies, or Mathematics.
- Special Education Teacher Certification (K-8 or 7-12)

Following the on-site visit, the Review Team's Report of Findings was prepared which includes commendations, program recommendations, and a recommendation for State program approval status. Attached is a copy of the University of Maine at Machias Self-Study Report as well as a copy of the Review Team's Report of Findings.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: That the State Board of Education vote to receive the University of Maine at Machias Review Team's Report of Findings. Consideration of this report will appear as an action agenda item for the Board's February 11, 2015 meeting.

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